

Amendment to the Abstract:

Replace the Abstract with the following abstract to render it in one paragraph:

The present invention has for its object to provide a method for agglomerating particles of a poly-3-hydroxyalkanoic acid and enlarging its particle size. The present invention provides a method for agglomerating a poly-3-hydroxyalkanoic acid which comprises suspending particles of the poly-3-hydroxyalkanoic acid in a hydrophilic solvent or a mixture comprising water and a hydrophilic solvent, and stirring the obtained suspension at a temperature not more than the boiling point of said suspension.